

A Summary

Supreme Council Meeting

Here are highlights of the three-day sessions of the Supreme Council in Miami.

Endorsed a proposal for a pilgrimage to the Order's Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum on April 22 at which time appropriate ceremonies will be held as part of Italy's anniversary of her unification.

Recommended the adoption of a public relations guide to foster the work of the public relations network within the Order.

Adopted a new 7-point Immigration Program and a resolution requesting Congress to include the program in new immigration legislation.

Authorized the Supreme Venerable to appoint a committee to study the advisability of a national weekly newspaper for the Order.

Adopted a resolution expressing appreciation and commending the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for their aid and counsel in the Order's campaign to preserve the good name of the Italian people.

Rhode Island

Aurora Lodge Is Organized At Woonsocket

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Grand Venerable Luigi Scala has announced the formation of a new lodge in the Rhode Island Order.

The new lodge, organized in Woonsocket, is known as the Aurora Ladies' Lodge and comprises 35 members.

Grand Venerable Scala presided at the installation of officers. Mrs. Albert A. Gavasso was installed as venerable.

Speakers included Venerable Thomas J. Caldarone of Providence; Venerable James Zinno of Gabriele d'Annunzio Lodge, and Angelo Dispirito Jr. Anthony Colucci was toastmaster.

Other officers installed were, Mrs. Francis Pierannunzi, assistant venerable; Mrs. Marino Peripoli, orator; Mrs. Augusto E. Campopiano, recording secretary; Miss Mary Baglini, financial secretary, and Mrs. Robert A. Laroche, treasurer.



Immigration

Seven-Point Program is Approved

MIAMI — Members of the Supreme Council approved a new 7-point Immigration Program which was recommended in a report by the Immigration and Naturalization Committee.

The report, drafted by Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta of Baltimore, Md., committee chairman, was presented by Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo of Wilmington, Del., in the absence of Brother Culotta.

The changes in the original 7-point program, adopted at the 1959 Supreme Convention calls for amendment to the national origins quota system, urges re-allocation of unused quotas to countries which have over-subscribed quotas, and includes the revision and extension of the Alien Orphans Act of 1957.

Urges Meeting with President Culotta's report also called for the Order to seek an appointment

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PRINCIPALS AT BANQUET FOR SUPREME COUNCIL

Among the guests at the banquet sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Florida honoring members of the Supreme Council at the Everglades Hotel, Miami, were, from left to right, Italian Consul General Dr. Roberto Cerchione of New Orleans, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta of Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain; Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Mayor Robert King High of Miami, and President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini of Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of Pennsylvania. (Story on Page 4)

National Memorial Home

Report Fund Drive Lags

MIAMI—State Chairmen throughout the country have remitted \$38,739.80 as of Feb. 3 to the Supreme Lodge office in the Foundation and National Memorial Home campaign for funds.

The announcement was made in a report to the Supreme Council by Albert A. Maino of Worcester, Mass., assistant secretary, on behalf of Gov. John A. Volpe of Winchester, Mass., general chairman, who was unable to attend because of pressing duties in the Bay State.

Governor Volpe's Appeal

Governor Volpe, in a letter incorporated in the report, issued an appeal to all members to support the drive. Governor Volpe's letter said in part:

"... I believe the prestige of the order and every individual member thereof will suffer seri-

ously if within the next six months we do not raise at least 75 per cent of our quota (\$400,000), which I would hope would enable us to proceed with construction."

"... Our state chairmen, with few exceptions, have not really taken their assignments seriously, that if the drive were really brought forcefully to the attention of the membership on a personal basis, through the medium of one solicitor for every 10 members, that we would go over the top in 60 days."

Maino reported that 19 of the

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Pledge Support

Order Sends Telegram to Kennedy

MIAMI — Members of the Supreme Council pledged the support, cooperation and assistance of the Order Sons of Italy in America to President John F. Kennedy.

The Order's sentiments of congratulations and good wishes were contained in a telegram dispatched to the Nation's Chief Executive at the conclusion of the Council sessions.

The full text of the telegram to the President said:

"The Order Sons of Italy in America, gathered at Miami, Florida, at a meeting of its Supreme Council, with representatives from the entire Nation, extends to you, our Chief Executive, our heartiest congratulations and best wishes. We beseech Almighty God to grant to you the strength, wisdom and courage to lead our beloved country in achieving goals that will inure to the benefit of all Americans. We pledge to you our continued support. We offer you our assistance and our cooperation in any and all matters that will redound to the good of our entire citizenry, to the welfare of mankind, and to the achievement of peace throughout the world."

Bay State Junior Division Notes 30th Anniversary

BOSTON—The Massachusetts Junior Division observed its 30th anniversary at the Junior Ball held at the Parker House Roof Garden.

Nicholas DiConza of Fitchburg coordinated arrangements with Roy Arigo of Revere, and Mrs. Palma Guarente of Waltham, co-chairmen of the event.

Defending 'Good Name of Italian People'

Detailed Report is Given to Supreme Council

MIAMI — A. Alfred Marcello, national public relations chairman, submitted a detailed report on the Order's campaign to "defend the good name of the Italian people."

In conjunction with his report, a news release was issued to the news media stating that "a change in climate relative to stereotyping of Italians as criminals in television programs would soon be evident."

Marcello reported on the Public Relations Committee work since its last report in February, 1960 at the Supreme Executive Council meeting held in Providence, R. I.

In listing the accomplishments

of the Committee, Marcello noted that the most outstanding of these was the cooperation received from officials of the American Broadcasting Co., relative to "The Untouchables" series.

B'nai Brith Support

Marcello said the Order has received the close support of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith in its campaign.

"The Order's campaign," he said, "has served to bring to the attention of the television networks the fact that millions of Americans of Italian origin are distressed by the stereotyping of Italians as gangsters on television."

"Consequently, we can report

here today that corrective measures have been taken by television producers to end this situation."

Marcello has reported that he has been assured by key officials of the American Broadcasting Co. that steps have been taken by that network to bring about changes in the format of certain TV shows.

He further reported that the Order had been in communication with ABC "for many months," and that a top level meeting with executives of ABC was held last October. Also attending the meeting were key

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Council Is Given Blueprint For 'PR' Network

Guide Will Be Available Soon, Marcello Reports

MIAMI—A public relations guide will be made available soon to help foster the work of the public relations network within the Order.

The recommendation for the national public relations guide was made at a special meeting of state public relations chairmen.

A. Alfred Marcello, national public relations chairman, presided, and presented a general scope of the program and its organizational structure.

Marcello said the primary aim of the program would be:

- (1) dissemination of news of the Order.
- (2) education, relative to public relations procedure from the national level to the local lodge level.
- (3) to make known to the general public the achievements and accomplishments of "our people" in the United States.

Speaking on the organizational structure of the public relations network, Marcello said at the national level would be a national public relations committee and a national advisory committee. The national advisory committee, he said, would be composed of prominent members of the Order throughout the country.

He also suggested the formation of sub-committees on the national and state levels to deal with Hollywood, movies, radio, television and the news media.

The public relations guide, to be prepared by the National Public Relations Committee, under Marcello's supervision, will outline the method of operation to be followed by the national, state and local committees, and the responsibilities entrusted to each in conformance with the policies of the Order.

Prior to the opening of the meeting, state chairmen were read Article 205 of the General Laws dealing with the Public Relations Office of the Order. A suggestion that the word "television," be inserted in the Article was referred to the By-Laws Committee.

Public Relations Chairmen Present

Sixteen Grand Lodges were represented at the national public relations meeting and 11 of the Order's 18 state chairmen attended. Five state chairmen, unable to attend, were represented by an officer of their respective Grand Lodge.

State Chairmen present:
Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.

John R. Copuzelo, Miami, Fla.
Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella, Chicago, Ill.

Judge Vito A. Marino, Baltimore, Md.

Grand Venerable Carmelo Marino, Omaha, Neb.

Assistant Grand Venerable Joseph Cassini, Orange, N. J.

Grand Recording Secretary Gregorio Morabito, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Supreme Trustee Anthony E. Candela, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Grand Administrative Secretary Josephine Lavey, Welland, Ontario.

Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Supreme Trustee, Seattle, Wash.

Grand Lodge representatives

Errigo Reports On Garibaldi Ceremonies

MIAMI — Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo of Wilmington, Del., reported on the dedicatory ceremonies held in Washington, D. C., commemorating the Garibaldi "Champion of Liberty" 4 and 8-cent stamps.

Errigo, who was general chairman, said the ceremony was well attended and that the Order had received nation-wide publicity.

He praised officials of the United States Post Office Department for the excellent cooperation he received.

Connecticut Society Inducted Into Order

WATERBURY, Conn. — The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has announced the induction into the Order of an independent society in New London.

The announcement was made by Grand Recording Secretary Louis N. Nardelli of this city.

Nardelli reported that the entire membership of Tusana Society, comprising 52 members, was inducted into the Order by New London's Columbus Lodge No. 464.

As a result of this action, Nardelli said, a new name was recorded at the induction ceremonies. The lodge has been renamed the Tusana-Columbus Lodge No. 464.

Museum Now Included in All Tours

MIAMI — The Order's Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum on Staten Island, N. Y., is now included in all historical tours reported Americo V. Cortese of Philadelphia, president of the Order's Historical Society.

Brother Cortese, Assistant Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, said the museum is attracting more and more visitors daily.

He praised the museum's curator, Dr. Lino Lipinski, for his outstanding service to the Order.

Cortese said additional funds are needed for the purchase of "objects an research reflecting on the contributions made by Italo-Americans on civilization and the United States.

"Once the Sons of Italy Foundation is established, the society will then take a course to give it meaningful form."

He said the society has turned over \$1,000 to the Foundation fund for erection of the proposed National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

"Once the Memorial Home is built, we then will be able to house in it, those things that will tell America of the Italian in America," he said.

National Weekly For the Order To Be Studied

MIAMI — Members of the Supreme Council adopted in principle a proposal to establish a national weekly newspaper within the Order.

The proposal, advanced by Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, called for the establishment of a national weekly newspaper which would serve the Order and the Italian-American communities throughout the country.

The Supreme Council authorized Supreme Venerable Gorrasi to appoint a committee to study the question of a national weekly newspaper within the Order. The committee will report its findings to the Supreme Convention to be held in August in Washington, D. C.

On The Membership Front

Gorrasi Urges a New Phase in Recruitment

MIAMI—Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, national membership chairman, urged state membership committees to begin a new phase in the Order's drive—the induction into the Order of clubs and societies as a unit.

"While we must continue to recruit new members individually," he said, "we must also institute a new phase in our membership campaign.

"We must now turn our attention to a fertile field, the induction into the Order of independent clubs and societies.

"Members of these groups are organization conscious and should be contacted. We must bring the story of the Order to them.

"Our state and local lodge membership committees should make every effort to explain to

these organizations the benefits the Order has to offer as a national organization.

"We must convey to these independent groups that they will be inducted as separate lodges, regardless of whether or not there may be an established lodge in the community.

"They must be inducted as a unit in order to allow them to retain their officer and membership compliment. In this way they can retain their status in the community and they will be better equipped to contribute to the welfare of the Order."

Italian Cultural Program

Urges Greater Participation

MIAMI—First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., of New Haven, Conn., chairman of the Order's Italian Culture Committee, urged greater participation in Italian cultural activities at all levels within the Order.

Ottaviano, reporting on recommendations advanced by several committee members, suggested:

Qualified speakers address Supreme Council sessions and Supreme Convention on subjects relating to the work of the Order.

The Grand Lodges prepare a history of the growth and contribution of Italians in their respective state.

Local lodges conduct classes in the arts, music and the study of the Italian language.

Ottaviano said the recommendation for speakers at Supreme Council and Supreme Conventions was advanced by Judge Felix Forte of Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable.

Judge Forte's proposal would foster Italian culture at the national level of the Order through use of speakers, symposiums and panel discussions.

Ottaviano said the Order could implement the program by having individuals speak on problems as they effect the Order.

"We could have qualified speakers at our council sessions and conventions who could speak to us on immigration, public relations, Italy's Centennial observance and on any number of subjects directly related to the work of the Order," he said.

Ottaviano also asked Grand Lodges to consider a recommendation made by Stephen Maffini of San Francisco.

He said the California Grand Lodge is now engaged in a project to chronicle the growth and contribution of those of Italian extraction in California.

The suggestion to have lodges conduct cultural classes, he said, was advanced by Assistant Grand Venerable James Iannucci of Philadelphia.

Iannucci asks that the Supreme Council foster and promote Italian culture by directing that local lodges conduct classes in the arts, music and the study of the Italian language.

Ottaviano also reported on a project now in progress in New Haven. The City of New Haven, under the leadership of Mayor Richard E. Lee, will construct a new library which will house data

highlighting the contributions Italians made to the United States.

He said Mayor Lee has named a "Council for the Italian-American Special Collection," of which he is a member.

The Council commended Mayor Lee for instituting the project and expressed the gratitude of the entire membership.

Worcester, Mass. Fashion Show

WORCESTER, Mass. — Members of two Sons of Italy lodges here will sponsor a fashion show and luncheon to raise funds for their respective scholarship programs.

The event is being held as part of the Order's observance to commemorate Italy's Centennial Year.

An added highlight of the program will be an Italian program of music. Sponsoring lodges are Princess Maria Gabriella Ladies' Lodge No. 313 and Cristoforo Colombo Lodge No. 168.

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Ask Congressional Support Of Immigration Program

MIAMI—The Supreme Council adopted a resolution requesting Congress to include the Order's newly adopted 7-point Immigration program in amending provisions of existing laws or in its adoption of new legislation.

In other resolutions, Council members:

Commended the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for the invaluable aid given to the Order in preserving the "good name of the American of Italian extraction."

Expressed appreciation to Victor Riesel, newspaper columnist, for his interest in the Order's activities in the public relations field.

Congratulated Mayor Richard E. Lee of New Haven, Conn., for appointing a "Council for the Italian-American Special Collection" relative to a new library to be constructed in that city which will be a permanent memorial giving recognition to Americans of Italian extraction.

7-Point Immigration Program Cited

The resolution containing the Order's 7-point Immigration Program stressed the fact that the Order has "had a profound interest in the Immigration and Naturalization Laws of the United States for over 55 years" and that the Order's new program "further its goal to bring about more equality, humaneness and fairness in said laws."

The resolution further stated: "... we respectfully request the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States to amend the provisions of existing law or adopt new legislation which shall include the following 7-point program."

(1) Amendment of the National Origins Quota System and in its place to submit a more fair and humanitarian immigration policy based upon judgment of the individual merit of each applicant for admission and citizenship.

(2) To adopt the 1960 in lieu of the 1920 Census to establish quotas.

(3) To abolish mortgages on quotas and to re-allocate unused

quotas to countries having over-subscribed quotas.

(4) To grant more favorable preferences to relatives of United States citizens.

(5) To equalize citizenship between native born and naturalized citizens.

(6) To humanize the harsh provisions of the present immigration law relative to admission, exclusion and deportation of aliens.

(7) To revise and extend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 and the Alien Orphans Act of 1957.

Copies of the resolution have been forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the U. S. Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the chairman of Congressional Immigration Committees, the majority and minority leaders in both Houses, the Director of the Immigration bureau, and to all Grand Venerables.

Grand Venerables have been instructed to have their respective State Legislatures adopt similar resolutions to be forwarded as stated above.

Praise For Anti-Defamation League

Here is the full text of the resolution adopted by the Supreme Council commending the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith:

"WHEREAS, the Supreme Council, Order Sons of Italy in America, has been meeting in Plenary Session in Miami, Florida, on February 3, 4, 5, 1961, and

"WHEREAS, the Supreme Lodge, O.S.I.A., has for many years past actively engaged itself in preserving the good name of Americans of Italian extraction against those who would smear same through any media avail-

able to them, whether it be television, radio, periodicals, and the like, by attempting to stereotype the American of Italian extraction, and

"WHEREAS, the constituted committee of Supreme Lodge has received invaluable aid in its efforts from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Council, in Plenary Session, on February 4, 1961 at Miami, Florida, through appropriate channels, express its grateful appreciation to the B'nai B'rith for its counsel and aid in the work above set forth.

New Haven Mayor's Project is Lauded

Mayor Lee of New Haven, Conn., was cited for his work at initiating a project in that city to foster the recognition of the contributions made by Americans of Italian extraction.

The resolution termed the appointment of a "Council for the Italian-American Special Collection" a "splendid project" and said:

"The matter of recognition of the Americans of Italian extraction in America has been close and dear to the Order since its inception, and this outstanding tribute and recognition in the form of a permanent memorial housed in the new library is de-

serving of the sincere and whole-hearted commendation, approval and gratitude of the entire membership of the Order."

Express Gratitude To Victor Riesel

The resolution to Victor Riesel stated:

"The Supreme Council, meeting in plenary session in Miami, Florida, has been informed of your interest in its activities in the public relations field and also of your own activity in disseminating such information furnished you, and for this desires to express its appreciation and gratitude."

100th Anniversary of Unification

Visit To Museum A Highlight

MIAMI — The Order Sons of Italy in America will hold the first of several national observances of Italy's 100th anniversary of unification at ceremonies in April at the Order's Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum on Staten Island, N. Y.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi announced plans for the national observance at the Supreme Council session here which received the unanimous endorsement of the full Council.

The national observance will be under the auspices of the Supreme Lodge. All Grand Lodges are invited to participate at the ceremonies and visitation to the Museum which will be held Saturday, April 22, at 2 p.m.

An added highlight will be a

banquet to be held in the evening at 7 at the Commodore Hotel in New York City.

Three-day Trip

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi requested the observance be a three-day holiday. He said the Massachusetts Order, originator of the idea, is offering its members a three-day package trip for April 21, 22 and 23. He reported that the cost to the Massachusetts member is \$35 which includes transportation, hotel room, the banquet and two breakfasts.

The Grand Lodges of Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, and Maryland announced they will send delegations to the

observance. More announcements are expected.

The Grand Lodge of New York, under the direction of Judge Carmine A. Ventiera, Grand Venerable, and Grand Recording Secretary Gregorio Morabito, will coordinate plans for the observance and banquet.

Judge Ventiera and Morabito will also meet with the Richmond Burrough President to arrange for an official welcome of the Sons of Italy on Staten Island.

Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese of Philadelphia, president of the Historical Society and Museum, will make arrangements for the ceremonies and visitation at the Museum.

More complete details will be published in the April issue of OSIA NEWS.

Massachusetts Announces Plans For Museum Tour

BOSTON — The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has completed arrangements to participate in the Supreme Lodge pilgrimage to attend ceremonies at the Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum on Staten Island, N. Y., on April 22.

The ceremonies will be held at the museum to observe the 100th anniversary of Italy's unification.

Grand Trustee Russell Iuliano is general chairman of the \$35 three-day package plan offered by the Grand Lodge.

Bay State members making the trip will leave Boston by bus on Friday, April 21, and will arrive at the Commodore Hotel in New York City where they will make their stay for two nights.

They will go to the Order's Museum on Staten Island for the 2 p.m. ceremonies on Saturday, April 22, and will attend a banquet in the evening at the Commodore Hotel.

The group will attend church services on Sunday morning, April 23, and leave for Boston in the afternoon.

The \$35 cost per person includes transportation, hotel room, two breakfasts, banquet and gratuities.

Assisting Grand Trustee Iuliano with arrangements, are, Second Assistant Grand Venerable Madeline H. Miceli, Medford; Grand Trustee Antonio Mosca, Watertown; Grand Trustee Louis Salvatore, Brockton; Grand Trustee Mario Colombo, Beverly; Grand Trustee Frank Esposito, North Adams, and Grand Trustee Joseph Toscano, Worcester, all area chairmen.

Also, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn; Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor; First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester; Grand Orator R. Alfred Campisi, Waltham; Grand Recording Secretary Sophie E. Gorrasi, Woburn; and Grand Trustee Josephine Daniele, Weymouth, and Mrs. Anne Pascarella, Dorchester.

Supreme Council Resolutions

Four Governors Singled Out

MIAMI—Four Governors of Italian origin were singled out for praise and acclaim in separate resolves adopted by the Supreme Council.

Honored were:

Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts.

Gov. John A. Notte, Jr., of Rhode Island.

Gov. Michael V. DiSalle of Ohio.

Gov. Albert D. Rosellini of Washington.

Governor Volpe is the first American of Italian descent to receive the endorsement of the Massachusetts Republican party. Governor Volpe is general chairman of the Order's National Memorial Home fund drive.

Governor Volpe succeeded Foster Furcolo, the first person of

Italian origin to be elected governor of the Bay State.

John A. Notte, Jr., also elected to a first term, succeeded Christopher DeSesto, the second person of Italian descent to be named governor of Rhode Island.

Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, elected in 1958, is currently serving his first four-year term as chief executive of Ohio.

Gov. Albert D. Rosellini, the first person of Italian extraction to be elected to the office, was re-elected to a second two-year term last November.

Supreme Council Sidelights

Judge Felix Forte of Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable, in Miami to speak and conduct a panel discussion on Malpractice before the Clinical Congress of Abdominal Surgeons, attended several Council sessions and spoke at the luncheon and banquet.

The Grand Lodge of Florida and its affiliated lodges were commended by the Supreme Council for the "display of warm hospitality and for the many courtesies shown the members and guests of the Supreme Council during the sessions."

Renzo Abbondandolo of Coral Gables, a member of the National Public Relations Committee, who was toastmaster at the banquet, received the plaudits of the speakers for his masterful and eloquent presentation of the speakers to the audience.

Members of the Supreme Council were guests of the Miami Lodge at the 11th annual masquerade ball held at the Sons of Italy building of Miami.

Venerable William Castellano welcomed the Council members. Mrs. Jay Furnari was chairman, and Arthur DiLallo, co-chairman.

Mayor Robert King High of Miami, host at a luncheon to the Supreme Council; city and county officials and Miami's publicity department, were cited for their

"cordial and warm welcome" to the Council.

Supreme Council members expressed appreciation to the management of the Everglades Hotel "for the many thoughtful courtesies shown the members and guests" of the Council.

The Council also extended "special thanks" to Supreme Trustee Luigi Fiorentino of Miami, general co-chairman, and Renzo Abbondandolo of Coral Gables, for their efforts.

'Open House' at Belmont, Mass.

BELMONT, Mass. — Members of Maria Montessori Lodge will hold an "Open House," March 11, offering entertainment and refreshments to raise money for its charity and scholarship funds.

Mary Bonfiglio is chairman of the event which will be held at the Greek Orthodox Community Center.

Others assisting are, Santa Robbio, Mary Giovina, co-chairmen; Marie Bortone, secretary; Kay Sacca, Marion Scarfo, Jay Conte, Rose More, Catherine Ferolito, Josephine Arena, Rose Lombardo, Ann Sateriale, Amalia Bonfiglio, Jane Venuti, Ann Belantoni, Rita Falco, Frances Scarfo, Jennie Polcari, Mary Vancini, Jennie Mondello and Helen Castagno.



From left to right, Past Grand Venerable Joseph B. Silverio, Allston, Mass.; Grand Venerable Edwin T. Charlott, So. Norwalk, Conn.; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Philadelphia; Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Seattle, Wash., Supreme Trustee, and A. Alfred Marcello, Worcester, Mass., national chairman of the Public Relations Committee.



From left to right, Grand Venerable Frank Montagna, Norfolk, Va.; Supreme Trustee Anthony E. Candela, Ashtabula, Ohio; Albert A. Maino, Worcester, Mass., secretary of the National Public Relations Committee; Assistant Grand Venerable Joseph Cassini, Orange, N. J.; Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella, Chicago; Grand Venerable Angelo Viani, Fairmont, W. Va.

State Chairmen On Public Relations At Miami Meeting



From left to right, Grand Recording Secretary Gregorio Morabito, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.; Grand Administrative Secretary Mrs. Josephine Lavey, Welland, Ont., and Judge Vito A. Marino, Lutherville, Md., Ex-Grand Venerable.



From left to right, Grand Venerable Carmelo Marino, Omaha, Neb.; John R. Copuzelo, Miami, Fla., and Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Melella, San Francisco.

Banquet for Supreme Council

Tolerance of the U. S. is Cited

MIAMI—Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, principal speaker at the banquet highlighting the Supreme Council meeting, told his audience of more than 400 persons, "there is no nation in the world as tolerant as the nation in which we live."

The banquet, under the auspices of the Florida Grand Lodge and the 13 affiliate lodges, was attended by county and city officials and representatives of the Italian government.

Among the speakers were The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta of Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain; County Commissioner Charles Hall; Italian Consul General Dr. Roberto Cerchione of New Orleans; Judge Felix Forte of Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable; Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza of Chicago; Mayor Robert King and President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini of Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of Pennsylvania.

Renzo Abbondandolo of Coral Gables, a member of the Order's National Public Relations Committee, was toastmaster.

In expounding the theme of understanding, Gorrasi said, "We

have all been diplomats within the last 50 years.

"We have had to achieve a better understanding of our people, and our people have had to achieve a better understanding of other peoples of the United States.

"With the fundamental concept of understanding in mind, the five million immigrants from Italy did a marvelous job — far better than we realize and appreciate.

"They came to the United States not knowing anyone, but they came determined, ready for hard work so that they could make a home for themselves and their sons and daughters. They were confronted with hardships and the many trials and tribulations of life in a new country. But they persevered and they created a better understanding amongst people.

"We now are enjoying the fruits of their labors which we too often take for granted.

"We are proud of their children who followed in their footsteps, men such as Gov. Albert Rosellini of the state of Washington, Gov. Michael V. DiSalle of Ohio, Gov. John Notte of Rhode Island, and Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts.

"In all communities we have men and women of Italian origin in elective and appointive offices . . . and it is a great compliment and one created through prayer and understanding of our people from Italy and the people of other nations who came here.

"There is no nation in the world as tolerant as the nation in which we live.

"For while those of our extraction have succeeded in all phases of life here, they needed the support of others and the tolerance and understanding of others. And if we are to continue to succeed we must continue to be tolerant and understanding.

" . . . Our progress to 1941 had come to an end . . . with the world conflict as it then was, we felt the outlook was bleak. But, following the conflict, because of the proper understanding and tolerance of our fellow Americans, our people made more progress since then than ever before.

"Let us continue to express our willingness to work, let us continue to be understanding and tolerant of others so that we can continue to progress."

Monsignor Pallotta said the ideals of the Order — Liberty,

Fraternity and Equality — can only have real meaning if they are based on religion and love of God.

"These ideals are no good to us as members of the Order unless we strive to put them into practice, for we must practice them if we are to feel their meaning," he said.

Italian Consul General Cerchione said since his arrival in this country, he has been impressed "by your respect and love for Italy."

Ex-Supreme Venerable Spatuzza, who was Supreme Venerable from 1947 to 1957, an unprecedented five terms, recounted his years of service in the Order.

"You will always find me in your midst to help the Order grow to greater heights," he said.

Mayor High, in bringing the greetings of the City of Miami, said the Torch of Friendship erected at Bayfront Park is the symbol of friendship extended to all peoples by Miami. He paid tribute to Caesar LaMonaca, conductor of the Miami Symphony Orchestra, and commended the Order for the honor accorded to LaMonaca.

Judge Alessandrini urged members of the Order to broaden their scope of understanding of the problems of other individuals.

Judge Forte spoke on the observance this year of Italy's 100th anniversary of unification and the lives of Garibaldi, Mazzini

and Cavour, Italian Patriots who contributed to Italy's independence.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Jacobbe of East Boston, Mass., Grand Chaplain of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, said the invocation.

Supreme Trustee Luigi Fiorentino, general chairman, introduced Abbondandolo, and Mario Furnari, past grand orator, introduced dignitaries from the audience.

John R. Copuzelo, general co-chairman, assisted with banquet arrangements. Mrs. Jay Furnari, past grand recording secretary, was secretary of the general committee.

Paul D'Agostino Hospitalized As Council Met

Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Green Harbor, Mass., hospitalized for a foot infection soon after his arrival in Miami, was kept informed of the Council proceedings by Mrs. D'Agostino. Members of the Supreme Council dispatched flowers and a card bearing signatures of the full Council to D'Agostino's hospital room. Mrs. D'Agostino, through her constant daily visits kept her husband advised of the Council's work. Latest report was that he was to have been discharged the day following the conclusion of the sessions.

Miami Conductor is Honored

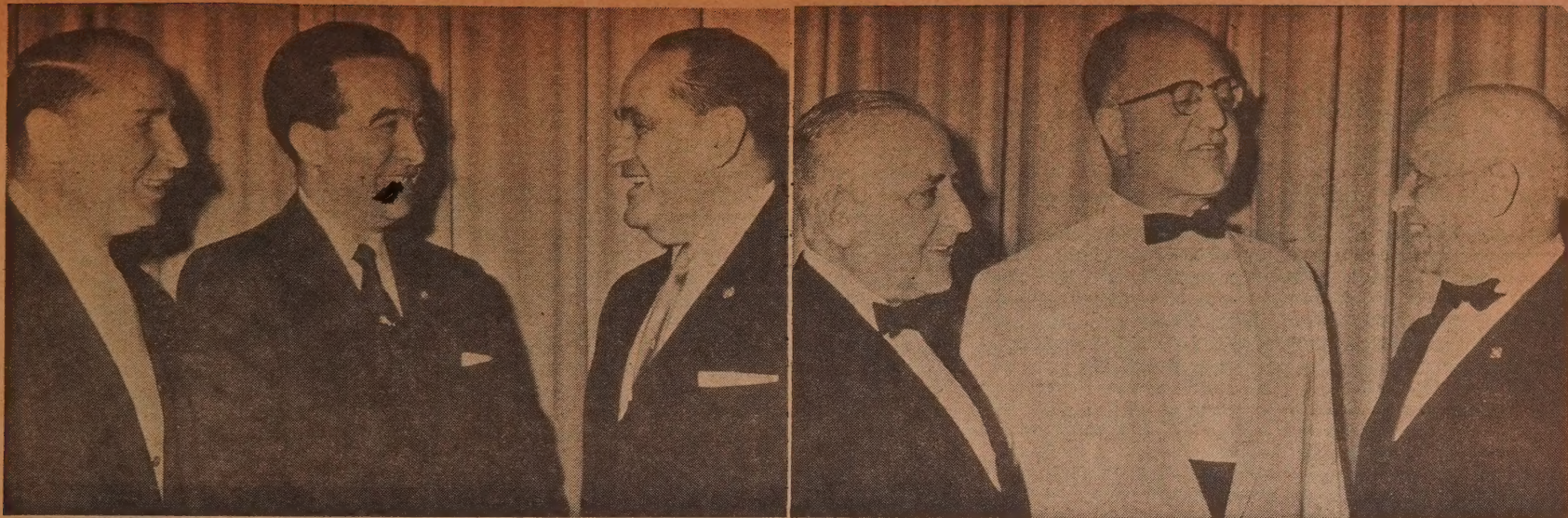
MIAMI — Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi presented a plaque on behalf of the Order to Caesar LaMonaca, conductor of the Miami Symphony Orchestra at ceremonies held at Bayfront Park.

The award was presented the maestro in recognition of his many years of service in present-

ing outstanding musical programs to the citizens of Miami.

The presentation was made at a special musical program dedicated to the Order Sons of Italy in America. More than 1,000 persons attended the city sponsored program.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi was introduced to the audience by Supreme Trustee Luigi Fiorentino of Miami, general chairman for the host Florida Grand Lodge.



From left to right, Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y., First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven, Conn., and Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno, San Francisco.

From left to right, Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia; Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa., and Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

CAMPAIGN

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officials of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, who arranged the meeting.

He said ABC was represented by Mr. Leonard H. Goldenson, president of the American Broadcasting - Paramount Theatres, Inc.; Mr. Oliver Treyz, president of the American Broadcasting Company Television Network, and Mr. Thomas W. Moore, vice president of ABC-TV.

Representing the Order were: Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass.; President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order; Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., Ex-Supreme Venerable, who presided at the famed Brink's, Inc., robbery trial; Judge Carmine A. Ventiera, Brooklyn, Grand Venerable of the New York Order, and Marcello.

B'nai B'rith officials attending were, Mr. Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, and Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, head of the League's foreign language department.

Results Encouraging

"The results of this meeting were indeed encouraging. We stated our case and discussed the problem at great length. I am happy to say here today that ABC Network officials are working with us and that we are approaching a satisfactory solution to the problem," he said.

Relative to the work performed by the committee in this area of public relations, Marcello said the committee has prepared and distributed a number of advisory bulletins to keep members informed; has prepared press releases; has entered into voluminous correspondence, and has prepared several dossiers in support of its campaign.

Other Committee Work

Here are but some of the problems that have been resolved, or in the process of being resolved:

Brought about the cancellation of a proposed movie, "The Dirty Face of Crime," to have been made in Italy.

Prepared a dossier on a story based upon the Apalachin, N. Y., incident published by the Saturday Evening Post. Dossier was sent to Post officials protesting the article as reflecting a false image of Italians.

Prepared a dossier relative to adverse articles appearing in the Hearst publications. Received reply from Mr. Richard E. Berlin, president of the Hearst Corporation, which

Cameraman's View Of Supreme Council Session



Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable, left, and Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatz, Chicago.

stated in part: "Certainly the last thing in the world that we ever want to do would be to injure the fine name of any of our great Italian citizens." Mr. Berlin suggested a meeting be held to discuss the problem. A change has been noted in Hearst publications and the intended meeting will be held in abeyance.

The committee, again through the excellent cooperation of the Anti-Defamation League, has effectuated a more harmonious relationship with Walter Winchell, who authored a notable Columbus Day column last year which elaborated on the many contributions made by Italians to the world and to the United States.

Marcello also reported that others are working with the Order to effectuate a positive image of the Italian in this country.

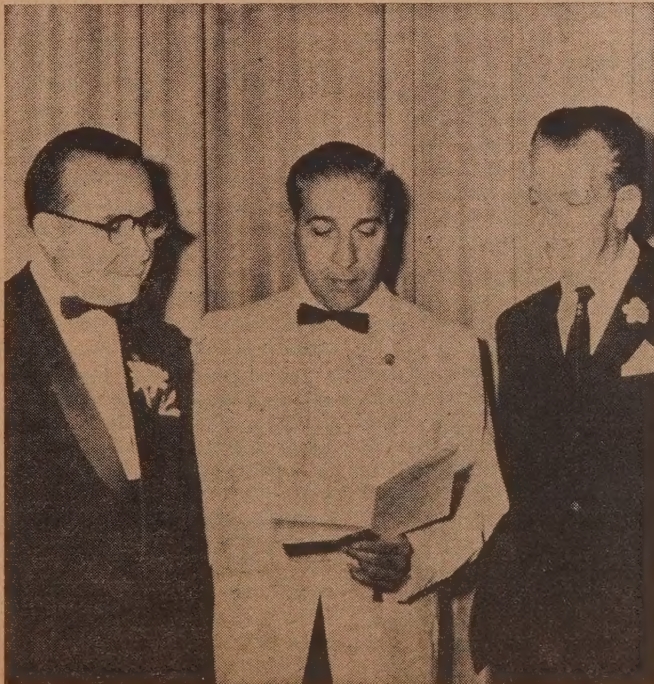
Among them are Fortune Pope, publisher of Il Progresso Italo-Americano of New York City, and U. S. Rep. Alfred E. Santangelo of New York.

In closing, Marcello noted that there has been considerable improvement in many areas to the problem.

He praised Supreme Venerable Gorrasi for his understanding, and "intelligent and forthright

support." He also expressed appreciation for the excellent cooperation received from each member of the committee.

PLANNED SUPREME COUNCIL SOCIAL AGENDA



Checking last minute arrangements prior to banquet honoring Supreme Council, are, left to right, Supreme Trustee Luigi Fiorentino, general chairman; John R. Copuzelo, general co-chairman, and Renzo Abbondandolo, a member of the National Public Relations Committee, who was toastmaster.

City's Luncheon to Council

Miami Judge Commends Order

MIAMI — Members of the Supreme Council were guests of the City of Miami at a luncheon held in the Everglades Hotel.

Judge Harry Balaban, vice-Mayor of Miami, welcomed members of the Council on behalf of Mayor Robert King High.

The speakers included Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi; Judge Felix Forte of Somerville, Mass., Ex-Supreme Venerable, and Supreme Trustee Luigi Fiorentino of Miami, who was general chairman and toastmaster.

Commends Order

Judge Balaban commended the Order for "its constant efforts to keep America strong from the constant threats of darkness and evil."

Judge Balaban also spoke on the life of Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot who played a major role in the unification of Italy 100 years ago.

He re-emphasized Mazzini's words of more than 100 years ago in giving one's love for God, for humanity and for the ideals of all free people.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi said the words of Judge Balaban "come at an appropriate time because in 1961 the names of all of Italy's patriots are in the minds of all peoples of the world. We in 1961 are celebrating the Centennial of Italy's unification

... a struggle of more than 1500 years for independence."

Notes Italian Patriots

The Order's chief executive said that it was men like "Mazzini, Garibaldi, and Cavour who fought and attained the goal of unification for Italy."

He expressed the appreciation of the entire Council for the hospitality extended by the City of Miami.

Judge Forte commended the Order for its progress, saying, "You are making progress in all endeavors, I have witnessed this progress at your meeting here and I have heard it in the reports that have been submitted to the Council."

He too spoke on the Centennial observance this year by Italy, and told of the hardship and sacrifice of men such as Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour and their love for freedom and independence.

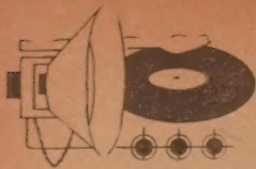
Brother Fiorentino was assisted by John Copuzelo, co-chairman and state public relations chairman for Florida, and Renzo Abbondandolo, Coral Gables, a member of the national public relations committee.

N. F. Benedetto, Pioneer Member, Dies in Marlboro

MARLBORO, Mass.—Nicholas F. Benedetto, 70, a pioneer member of the Massachusetts Order, died at his home following a long illness.

Born in Italy, he was the son of the late Pasquale and Philomena Benedetto and was a retired shoe worker. He was a member of the Marlboro Welfare Board for 23 years, president of the Holy Name Society in St. Ann's Parish at the time of his death, a past venerable and member of the Sons of Italy Lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose. A prominent leader in civic affairs, Brother Benedetto was one of Marlboro's best known citizens and extremely active in promoting the Sons of Italy baseball team. He was a parishioner of St. Ann's Church.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Theresa (Seymour) Benedetto; one daughter, Mrs. Albert Desjardins of this city, also two grandchildren.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

London Records has three new releases which should be "sure-fire hits" with readers of this column. Chief among these is the two-record album **THE ART OF THE PRIMA DONNA** featuring the brilliant Australian-born opera star, Joan Sutherland. The others are the complete recording of Puccini's **MANON LESCAUT** and highlights from another Puccini gem, **LA BOHEME**.



SUTHERLAND

Miss Sutherland's latest recording is designed as a tribute to the great prima donnas of the past who became famous because of specific arias. The sixteen prima donnas noted in this tribute include such famous names as Luisa Tetrazzini, Jenny Lind, Giulia Gristi, Adelina Patti, Nellie Melba and Amelita Galli-Curci, who is still alive and lives in retirement in California.

This album brings into sharp focus Miss Sutherland's greatness as an opera star. Her singing is a fascinating study in vocal agility and range. We do not know of any other opera star today who could equal Miss Sutherland's artistry in such a wide range of operatic arias.

The Australian-born singer is especially effective in three of Verdi's most popular arias—The Willow Song from *Otello*; Ah, Fors'e Lui and *Sempre Libera* from *La Traviata*, and the incomparable *Caro Nome* from *Rigoletto*.

Francesco Molinari - Pradelli handily conducts the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Orchestra and Chorus. The stereo sound is excellent.

PUCCHINI'S LYRIC DRAMA

Renata Tebaldi, Mario del Monaco, Mario Boriello and Fernando Corena top an outstanding cast of singers in the four-act opera, **MANON LESCAUT**.

This is the opera that brought fame to Giacomo Puccini. Collaborating with Puccini in this charming opera were the noted composer, Leoncavallo and the publisher, Ricordi. The opera made its debut in 1893 in Turin.

The opera is recorded in brilliant stereo by London on three discs. The principals are all in good voice and make the most of the delightful arias.

The singers are accorded excellent support by the Orchestra and Chorus of Accademia Di Santa Cecilia, Rome. Francesco Molinari-Pradelli conducts and the chorus master is Bonaventura Somma.

LA BOHEME HIGHLIGHTS

This new London recording is an abbreviated version of the complete recording of the Puccini opera which we reviewed in these columns last April. Here as in the complete recording, Tullio Serafin conducts the Santa Cecilia Orchestra and Chorus. The stereo sound is tops.

The cast comprises Renata Tebaldi, Carlo Bergonzi, Ettore Bastianini, Cesare Siepi, Fernando Corena and the young American soprano, Gianna d'Angelo who sings Musetta.

Excellent on all counts.

Columbia Releases

Spanish music has a particular fascination for this reviewer. And the chances are our readers share this fascination with us, if for no other reason because of our mutual affinity for things Latin.

We are certain that most audiophiles will find a brace of new releases by Columbia Records interesting since they all have a distinct Latin flavor. These feature some of the top Latin instrumentalists and vocalists around today.

SERENATA SENSACIONAL—Featuring The Orchestra of 100 Guitars in a program of Spanish popular and semi-classical favorites. Recorded in Spain. Unique in many respects, but of chief interest is that the orchestra consists entirely of blind musicians.

ELLA . . . LA QUE SE FUE—The music of the Mexican composer, Jose Alfredo Jimenez gets the expert's touch in this recording. More than 100 songs composed by Jimenez and those presented on this disc represent the cream of his crop.

FLAMENCO VIRTUOSO—One of the great contemporary Spanish guitarists, Sabicas in a dazzling display of guitar music at its best. Here Sibicas plays three guitars to project colorful melodies with the Spanish style known as "flamenco," which is described as a link between the voice and the dance.

JAVIER SOLIS EN NEW YORK—Javier Solis, Mexican film star, in a sparkling rendition of international favorites. Such favorites as *Siboney* and *Night and Day* are pleasantly performed by this vocalist with a robust voice.

CONJUNTO DE RITMOS NORTENOS—Chelo Silva, Texas-born star, with an inimitable flair for the Latin-American song, gives an excellent interpretation of a collection of romantic and emotional "boleros."

RANCHERO ESPECTACULAR—A brace of Ranchero songs performed with authority by some of Mexico's most popular vocalists and instrumentalists. These comprise The Rocha Brothers, who know how to put over native folk songs; Lois Tres Gallos, another trio of performers; The Huerta Sisters, and Mexico's foremost singing star, Javier Solis.

Critic's Choices

PROKOFIEV—Peter and the Wolf; **TCHAIKOVSKY**—The Nutcracker Suite. Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Maestro Bernstein narrates the classic, Peter and the Wolf, with an agreeable and casual style that ingratiates him with old and young alike.

Italian Folk Music In New Monitor Release

Italian folk music is given skillful interpretation in a new recording released by Monitor Records. Presented here are songs and dances—Tarantellas, Mazurkas and waltzes—by three orchestras. It was recorded in Italy by Campagna Generale del Disco, Milan. The sound is of the top-drawer variety. The orchestras are good, catching the mood of a variety of folk music both local and national in character.

Guitars, mandolins and tambourines are used to good advantage by the musicians. Certainly, a collector's item.

The sound is beautiful; on Columbia Masterworks.

VIVALDI—The violinists, Isaac Stern and David Oistrakh team with Eugene Ormandy and The Philadelphia Orchestra in renditions of four Vivaldi Concerti for Two Violins and Orchestra. Masterful performances by Messrs. Stern and Oistrakh. Typical, pleasant, late baroque works by the Italian composer whom the recording industry has done a good deal to revive. Columbia label.

Capsule Reviews

GERSHWIN GOES LATIN—A Stanley Black orchestral for London. An exciting stereo release spiced with tangy rhythms. The Black arrangements are top-drawer variety and wonderfully recorded. The tunes include *Love Walked In*, *Liza*, *But Not for Me*, *Embraceable You*, *Soon* and *S'Wonderful*.

THE TARTAN—The brilliant Scotch tenor, Kenneth McKellar in another favorable collection of Scottish numbers with Bop Sharples and his orchestra. This London album includes some of the better known Scottish songs. Topping the list is the popular *Annie Laurie*. Also included are *The March of the Cameron Men*, *The Royal Mile*, *The Flowers of the Forest*, *Jessie*, *The Flower O'Dunblane* and *The Tartan*. McKellar's tenor voice makes for pleasant listening.

Italian Quartet

Stereo has done much to enhance the charm of chamber music. Effective proof of this is to be found in the new London recording of string quartets by Ravel and Prokofiev. You will like the manner in which the Italian players known as the Carmirelli Quartet tackle the familiar music of Ravel and the folksy Russian music of Prokofiev. There is tremendous vitality in this chamber music as interpreted by the Italian quartet.

The audiophile who has heard chamber music on monophonic recording will certainly appreciate this stereo recording. There is a certain sameness to string music in monophonic versions, but not so in stereo. Two-channel recording brings out the music of the various instruments with clarity and crystal clear definition.

As far as we know the London disc is the only stereo recording of Prokofiev's **SECOND STRING QUARTET** which was written during World War II while the Nazi hordes were invading Russia. Ravel's **STRING QUARTET IN F** is the better known of the two.

Supreme Chaplain's Corner

Resurrection

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

When we speak of Our Lord's resurrection, we are talking about the resurrection of His Body. Likewise, when we speak of our own resurrection, we mean the resurrection of our bodies. Resurrection means: to rise from the dead. At death the souls do not go to the grave, only the bodies. Our souls will not be resurrected, since they never die. They already have immortality. This is why the article of the Creed says: "I believe in the resurrection of the body." At the final resurrection, our souls will be united to our body once more, and both will receive the eternal reward or punishment according to which we have merited.

Our Lord Himself has said: "Verily I say unto you, the hour cometh wherein all that are in graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God. And they that have done good things shall come forth unto the resurrection of life; but they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment." (John 5,28 sq.). This resurrection is inevitable. Whether we want it or not, whether we believe it or not, we cannot escape it. We have absolutely nothing to say about it. Our only say is to decide whether our resurrection will be in heaven or hell.

This belief was common even in the Old Testament: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and in the last day I shall rise out of the earth. And I shall be clothed again with my skin, and in my flesh, I shall see my God." (Job, 19-26). In the New Testament we read about Lazarus who had been dead several days and buried in his grave. Our Lord did not wait for the final resurrection in Lazarus' case, but brought him back to life, even though his body had already undergone corruption.

No doctrine is more certain that this doctrine of the resurrection of our bodies. God will not fail to satisfy the instinct, the desire and the expectations of immortality which He has planted in the human breast. Nothing is surer than death. The resurrection is just as sure as death itself. Our bodies must rise because, as St. Paul tells us, they are members of the Mystical Body of Christ, Who is our head. Now, wherever the head goes there the limbs must go with it. As Christ, our Head, rose from the dead, also will our bodies rise, and be united with Him for all Eternity.



FR. PALLOTTA

IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

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with President Kennedy and leaders of the House and Senate who are sympathetic with the Order's Program.

"In this manner we can generate more initial support to get our Program underway. Thereafter, our Grand Lodges can appeal to the Congressional Delegations of their respective States for consideration and support of the Order's Program," Culotta stated.

Outlined in the report was the activities of the committee since making its last report at the 1959 Supreme Convention at Boston, Mass.

Culotta noted in his report that the second session of the 86th Congress passed only one piece of legislation, House Joint Resolution 397, which enables the United States to participate in the re-settlement of refugee-escapees by admitting a proportionate number of refugees who are the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

This bill was amended in the Senate to provide for adjustment of status of non-immigrants in the United States who desire to obtain permanent residence in the United States, and, also, to provide for the non quota admission of adopted orphans. The bill is now known as Public Law 86-648.

Two Bills Passed

Culotta's report pointed out that two bills, H.R. 6118 and H.R. 5896, became law in the first session of the 86th Congress.

H. R. 6118, now public Law 86-253, provides for admission of aliens suffering from tuberculosis and extension of the 1957 Act

providing for admission of alien orphans.

Enactment of H. R. 5896, now Public Law 86-363, Culotta wrote, represents an acceptance in principle by the Congress and the President (Eisenhower) of the Order's Toronto Resolution of April 4, 1959, calling for revision of the immigration laws to allow fourth preference quota applicants to be moved up to first, second and third preference quota, thus permitting these applicants to enter the United States at an earlier date and reuniting families which have been separated for long periods of time through no fault of their own.

Culotta also noted in his report that the Order's 7-point program was presented to both the Republican and Democratic political conventions in 1960.

Mrs. Alberti, Charter Member, Passes Away

SKOKIE, ILL.—Mrs. Maria Alberti, wife of Grand Trustee Domenick M. Alberti, and charter member of Skokie Valley Lodge, died following a long illness.

Lodge members and Grand Council members attended the ritualistic ceremony, attended the mass at St. Mels Church and funeral services at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

She leaves her husband, Domenick, organizer of Skokie Valley Lodge; three sons, Joseph B., Frank E., Daniel J.; five daughters, Mrs. Carmine LaMonica, Mrs. Elvira Battista, Mrs. Angelo Jambrone, Mrs. Anna Mae Seno, Miss Clara Alberti, and 13 grandchildren.

Orphan Adopted By Tulare Lodge

By ALBERT A. MAINO

Members of Roma Lodge No. 1573 in Tulare, Calif., have taken a little 9-year-old Italian boy to their hearts.

Little Cosimo Algieri of Calabria, Italy, has been "adopted" by the lodge membership through the International Foster Parents' Plan, Inc., New York City.

Members of Roma Lodge have in part found an answer to the plight of the orphaned child in Italy.

It is a project worthy of consideration by each and every lodge of the Order within the United States and Canada.

The lodge, of which every member is now a foster parent to Cosimo, has agreed to contribute \$15 a month to Cosimo's support. The one requirement is that the child be supported for at least one year.

Cosimo Less Fortunate

Cosimo is less fortunate than many orphans in Italy. He is not housed, fed and cared for as most are in orphanages throughout Italy.

His parents are dead.

He lives with his three brothers and two sisters, all crowded into one room, with no kitchen or hygienic facilities.

The oldest brother, Giuseppe, 21, works as a day laborer, and earns at best, \$20 a month. He is the sole provider.

While at work each day, Giuseppe leaves behind, Dora, 16, and Rosa, 14, to care for the brothers, Basilio, 11, Cosimo and Salvatore, 6.

A third sister, Carmela, is married and lives away from home.

Mary Rolli, recording secretary of the lodge, who has learned of the plight of the Algeris, relates the following:

"Most of the time the little ones don't even go to school, for their older brother and sister are

too worn out and exhausted to impose any authority.

"The children can be seen playing in the fields or just sitting around the house. There is rarely enough money for food and the children have the signs of hunger etched into their young faces.

"... They cook over an open hearth with wood they find in the fields. Rent for the dismal dwelling is \$6.40 a month. Electricity is 64 cents a month.

"The furniture consists of a few pieces, old and battered of household utensils, bedding, and clothing. They have no household linens and the children have no underwear nor decent shoes.

"Cosimo is a gentle, melancholy little boy, who hardly ever talks. He has brown hair and brown eyes; is terribly thin and has deeply etched hollows under his eyes.

"He always looks sad. He plays in the street all day and wishes he had a ball. Cosimo has no toys and spends his time kicking pebbles or playing with stray dogs and cats.

"His shoes were worn by all of the elder children of the family before him. They are open at the toes.

"He does not now attend school, but he, along with Rosa, Basilio and Salvatore will soon because of the planned aid. Without help, Cosimo's chances for survival are slim."

Raeta Installs At Vallejo

VALLEJO, Calif. — Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta of San Francisco presided at the installation of officers of Beatrice Portinari Lodge No. 1626 and Virgilio Lodge No. 1586.

He was assisted by Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento, Home drive state chairman, who was herald. Others assisting were Grand Orator Frank Ragone and Armando Bianchini, grand deputy for Virgilio Lodge.

Guests included Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Rocco Chiechi, Mrs. Raeta, Grand Trustee Pat Mastrantonio and Venerable Joseph Cervelli of Armando Diaz Lodge of San Francisco.

Portinari Lodge officers seated: Lucille Cavallo, venerable; Catherine Warren, assistant venerable; Catherine Maranto, ex-venerable; Marie Zunino, orator; Janet Capello, recording secretary; Marie Marengo, financial secretary; Rosina Mazzoni, treasurer; Noel Musso, Adua Pizzorno, Anita Guzzetta, Nita Zunino, Lena Capello, trustees; Pauline Burastero and Victoria Ferranto, masters of ceremony; Maria Bottari, guard.

Virgilio Lodge officers: Primo Pizzorno, venerable; Joseph Agosta, assistant venerable; Vincent Pace, ex-venerable; Nick Zunino, orator; Joseph Guzzetta, recording secretary; Al Cattalini, financial secretary; Angelo Siragusa, treasurer; John Piccolo, Frank Spano, Libero Magnani, Michael Villane, James Contri,

trustees; Patsy Sinardi, Victor Battari, masters of ceremony; Philip Chiotti, guard.

Modesto Lodge Installation

MODESTO, Calif. — Joseph Simile has been installed venerable of Modesto Lodge No. 2021.

Other officers are: Anthony Imbesi, ex-venerable; William Ruggieri, assistant venerable; Frank Ruggieri, orator; Mrs. Peter Fak, recording secretary; Mrs. George Volli, financial secretary; Daniel Minuzzo, treasurer; Mrs. Angela Butthmann, Mrs. Lee Quartaroli, Mrs. Fred Michelotti, Frank Celano, Louis Lombreglia, trustees; Mrs. Phyllis Clardo and Mrs. William Ruggieri, masters of ceremony; Fred Michelotti, sentinel.

Palma Heads America Lodge

EAST LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Joseph Palma has been named venerable of America Lodge No. 1609. Other officers are: Tony Ross, assistant venerable; John Bucci, ex-venerable; Dominic Motta, orator; Hugo V. DiGiantomasso, recording secretary; Yolanda McDonough, financial secretary; Lenora Umina treasurer; Chester Colasardo, historian; Stephen Umina, Alfonso Zupardo, Charles Parnell, Richard Bastianelli, Josephine D'Amico, trustees; Connie Furnare and Grace Bastianelli, masters of ceremony; John Umina, guard.

Birthday Party for Judge Alessandrini

\$4,300 Raised For National Home

PHILADELPHIA — Presentation of contributions to the National Memorial Home fund totaling \$4,396.06, highlighted the annual birthday party honoring President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order.

The party for Judge Alessandrini climaxed a two-day meeting of the Grand Council which approved the program for the Grand convention to be held in June in Pittsburgh, and authorized a membership drive that is now in progress.

The contributions to the Home fund were made in the name of Grand Venerable Alessandrini.

Grand Trustee Frank Bosco of Monessen presented a check for

\$1,931.06, raised by the Monessen Lodge, for the proposed National Home to be erected in Washington, D. C.

Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese of Philadelphia made a personal contribution of \$500.

Commissioner John P. Crisconi, state chairman, also of Philadelphia, made a donation of \$500 in the name of his wife Inez. He had made a \$500 contribution early last year.

The men's and women's lodges of Mt. Pleasant each presented checks for \$500.

The Clara Barton Lodge gave \$150, and three lodges, Guglielmo Oberdan, Novella Aurora and Longfellow - Metropolitan, each gave \$100.

James A. Murrin of Franklin made an individual contribution of \$15.

The Very Rev. Msgr. John V. Tolino, appointed the Pennsylvania Order's first Grand Chaplain at the Grand Council meeting, presented Judge Alessandrini with a gift from Rome, a relic of St. Catherine of Sienna, the patron saint of Italy.

Speakers included Assistant Grand Venerables Cortese and James Iannucci, who presented the judge a gift in the name of the grand officers and guests; Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo and Italian Consul General Sogno.

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, was toastmaster.

Pennsylvania Briefs

Pre-Lenten Carnival Held In Republic

REPUBLIC, Pa. — Four lodges participated in the annual pre-Lenten Carnival held in the Sons of Italy Hall.

Pietro DeCarlo was general chairman. Helen Oari was co-chairman.

Lodges participating were, Regina Elena, Republic; LaBella Italia, and Progeasiste Italo-American, Cardale, and Pietro Micca, Republic.

District Meeting At Fairchance

FAIRCHANCE, Pa. — Grand Trustee Anthony L. DeOcre of Connellsville, presided at a district meeting of Fayette County Lodges held in the Sons of Italy Home.

He reported on the recent Grand Council meeting held in Philadelphia and announced the Grand convention will be held in Pittsburgh June 24-28.

Reports were also made by Ralph Bill, a member of the Mortuary Fund Commission, and Mrs. Anthony L. DeOcre, a member of the scholarship award fund of the Women's Division.

Woman Golf Pro Instructs Members

PHILADELPHIA — Mrs. Mary Nelson Nicoletti, Pennsylvania's only professional woman golfer, is giving free lessons to Pennsylvania members at the Sons of Italy building.

The wife of Vincent Nicoletti, manager of Club 611, Mrs. Nicoletti holds three course records in Florida and her record at the Llanerch Country Club still stands. She has appeared in charity meets with Bob Hope, Perry Como and Ed Sullivan.

Fund Drive Started To Aid Amputee

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. — Members of Corona d'Italia Ladies' Lodge No. 807 have started a fund-raising campaign to give a helping hand to a fellow member.

At a lodge meeting, at which Mrs. Samuel Berardi, venerable, presided, members voted to aid Miss Jean Bettoni, who recently had her leg amputated.

Msgr. John V. Tolino

Grand Chaplain For Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA — The Very Rev. Msgr. John V. Tolino has been named the first Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Monsignor Tolino's appointment was made public following unanimous approval at a meeting of the Grand Council.

The Pennsylvania Order is the fourth Grand Lodge to appoint a Grand Chaplain, following in the steps of Massachusetts, New York and Ontario.

Monsignor Tolino, 56, is a native of Philadelphia. His parents, the late Francis and Mary Tolino, came to America from Naples.

He attended Roman Catholic High School and St. Charles Seminary. He was ordained in 1930.

In 1933, he became rector of The Annunciation Church, one of the youngest in the city and the youngest Italian-American pastor. He was 28.

It was under his direction and guidance that The Annunciation Parochial School grew from a class of 33 pupils in 1933 to its present enrollment of 1100.

Several years following his appointment at The Annunciation Church, he was named a Diocesan consultant. The first Italian-

American named to the Board, Monsignor is still serving as a consultant.

Elevated to Monsignor in 1947, the Pennsylvania Grand Chaplain is credited with being the driving force behind the construction of South Philadelphia's Catholic high schools — Bishop Neumann and St. Maria Gorretti High.

2 Philadelphia Lodges Induct 40 Members

PHILADELPHIA — A total of 40 new members were inducted at joint ceremonies sponsored by Tacony-Mayfair Lodge and Stella Lucente Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Degree Team, under the direction of Grand Trustee Joseph Monte, conducted the ceremonies which were witnessed by more than 150 persons.

Venerable Frank Nicoletti of Tacony-Mayfair and Venerable Dorothy DeRisi of Stella Lucente were in charge of arrangements.

Twenty-two members were inducted into the Tacony-Mayfair Lodge, and 18 new members joined the Lucente Lodge.

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Nearly \$40,000 Sent To Treasurer

Recent remittances by seven state chairmen totaling \$6,228.86 has raised the total funds remitted to \$39,622.80 in the nationwide drive to raise \$400,000 for the proposed National Memorial Home to be built in Washington, D. C.

Remittances were made to Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartini of Philadelphia, comptroller of funds for the Sons of Italy Foundation at the Supreme Lodge office.

Money on hand as reported by two states, Massachusetts and New Jersey, and the Roma Lodge No. 71 of Washington, D.C., totals \$4,190.50. This amount would bring total collections in the drive to \$43,813.10.

First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio of Dorchester, Mass., state chairman, reports \$56.50; Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria of Paterson, N. J., state chairman, reports \$214, and Raffaele Urciolo, of Washington, D. C., lodge chairman, reports \$3,920 on hand. The Roma Lodge committee has yet to make a remittance to Brother DeMartini.

Corrections have been made in the standings of two Grand Lodges, Florida and New York.

The corrected total for Florida is \$500 collected and remitted.

The corrected total for New York is \$3,936.47 collected and remitted. An additional sum of \$2,709 contributed by New York prior to the establishment of the Sons of Italy Foundation in August 1959, will be added to the corrected total once the Foundation is approved by the U. S. Internal Revenue Department.

The following remittances were received by Brother DeMartini in February:

California

Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento remitted \$315 to bring California's total collections and remittances to \$1,182.25.

Connecticut

First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., sent contributions totaling \$50. Connecticut's current total collected and remitted is \$2,363.26.

Illinois

Grand Financial Secretary Antonetta Vigna of Chicago, remitted \$15 on behalf of Anthony Paterno, state chairman. Illinois members have now collected and remitted \$5,330.

Massachusetts

First Assistant Grand Venerable Donadio remitted \$565 to raise the state's current total remittances to \$7,480. An additional \$56.50 on hand places Massachusetts in the lead with \$7,536.50 collected.

Nebraska

Grand Venerable Carmelo Marino of Omaha, state chairman, made the state's first remittance of \$145 at the Supreme Council sessions in Miami.

New York

State Chairman Andrew C. Bongiorno of Glen Cove, remitted \$742.80 to raise New York's corrected total to \$3,936.47.

Pennsylvania

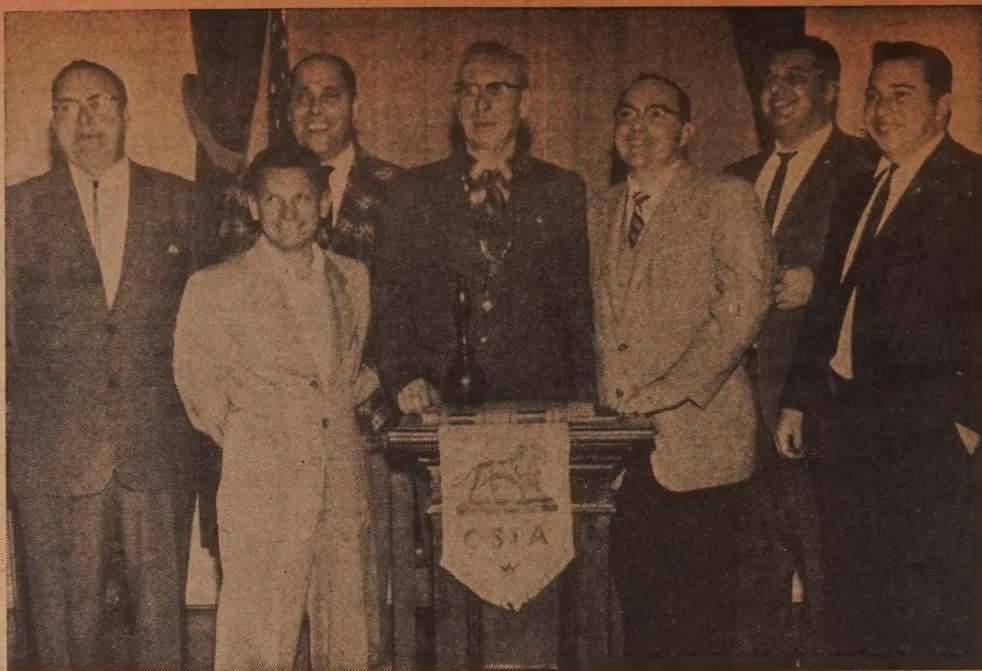
Contributions totaling \$4,396.06 were remitted by Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, at the Supreme Council meeting in Miami. Pennsylvania members have now contributed \$4,976.06.

Pennsylvania and Nebraska Present \$4,541.06 at Miami

MIAMI — Contributions totaling \$4,541.06 by Pennsylvania and Nebraska Grand Lodge officials were made during the Home fund report.

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia presented checks for \$4,396.06 to Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartini.

Grand Venerable Carmelo Marino of Omaha, making Nebraska's first remittance in the campaign, presented donations totaling \$145.



FATHER AND FOUR SONS HONORED AT SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Bruno Tamantini Sr., left, a 30-year member of the Order, and his four sons, all members of Giacomo Puccini Lodge, were honored at the lodge's recent installation of officers. From left to right, Brother Tamantini, Assistant Venerable Sam Florica, Nick Tamantini, Venerable Ernesto G. Galli, Bruno Tamantini Jr., Jerry Tamantini and Anthony Tamantini. Venerable Galli has eight members of his family who are members of Puccini Lodge and Queen Margaret Lodge.



CONTRIBUTION BY MT. PLEASANT, PA. MEMBER

Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto of Mt. Pleasant, Home chairman of Western Pennsylvania, accepts contribution to Home fund from Mrs. Mary Tesaro, 84-year-old member of the Pennsylvania Order, and mother of Miss Lucy Tesaro, venerable of the Mount Pleasant Ladies' Lodge. Mrs. Cernuto, right, looks on.



HOME FUND CONTRIBUTION FROM NEBRASKA

Grand Venerable Carmelo Marino of Omaha, seated center, receives first contributions in Nebraska Home drive totaling \$145. From left to right, Grand Treasurer Joseph Vacanti, state Home chairman; Ex-Grand Venerable Antonio Pisasale, Grand Venerable Marino, Grand Recording Secretary Frank Pomodoro, and Grand Financial Secretary Thomas Caniglia. Nebraska's quota is \$1,000.

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Order's 21 Grand Lodges are actively engaged in the drive and have remitted funds to Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartini at the Supreme Lodge in Philadelphia.

The two Grand Lodges which have yet to remit or collect funds are Michigan and Quebec.

Maino also reported that several state chairmen and lodge chairmen have funds on hand totaling \$5,073.30 which have yet to be remitted and would bring total collections in the drive to \$43,813.10.

To clarify the organizational structure of the drive since its inception at the 1957 Supreme Lodge convention at San Francisco, Maino said:

Three-Phase Drive

"The present Foundation and National Home drive is one of three parts:

"1. The \$1.00 assessment levied at the 1957 Supreme Convention in San Francisco;

"2. The original appeal for funds, exclusive of the assessment; and

"3. The present drive which incorporates the Sons of Italy Foundation established by the Order at the 1959 Supreme Convention in Boston, Mass.

"Monies raised from the first two, the assessment and Home fund appeal, are deposited in the Washington Home Account.

"All monies raised since the 1959 Supreme Convention, when the Foundation was established, are deposited in the Foundation Account.

"All funds in the Washington Home Account, (\$19,502.31) will be transferred to the Foundation Account once the U. S. Internal Revenue Department approves the Order's Foundation. And a number of Grand Lodges will then be credited for overpayment of assessment or funds collected, with respect to their state quotas."

Maino also reported that three Grand Lodges have either met or surpassed their respective state quotas.

The first Grand Lodge was that of The Northwest, under the chairmanship of Dr. Nicholas Sarro of Seattle, Wash. Supreme

Trustee. Members in the Northwest have raised and remitted \$3,874.50. The quota is \$3,500.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland was the second Grand Lodge to meet its quota of \$1,500. Marion Nasco of Baltimore is state chairman.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, Maino reported, is the latest Grand Lodge to top its quota of \$1,500, raising and remitting \$1,545 to Brother DeMartini. Grand Venerable Frank Montagna of Norfolk is state chairman.

Each of the above Grand Lodges, Maino said, relied mainly on personal solicitations of their respective members.

He emphasized the need for adhering to the basic plan for the drive: the appointment of a committee by each lodge, sufficient in number to enable each committee member to contact 10 members for a \$5.00 contribution.

"To supplement this basic plan," he said, "we have suggested that Grand Lodges and subordinate lodges hold functions to raise funds for the drive. Some lodges have followed through with remarkable success.

"One lodge in particular, the Monessen Lodge of Monessen, Pa., raised \$1,931.06 at its 25th anniversary dinner."

Special Gift Kits

Maino also announced that special gift kits, to be used for solicitation of special gifts in the drive, were distributed to state chairmen last October.

These special gift kits were prepared by A. Alfred Marcello of Worcester, Mass., executive secretary of the Home drive.

"We instructed all state chairmen," Maino said, "to appoint the necessary number to their state gifts committee and we included all materials necessary in these kits to get the project underway in each state.

"We further instructed the state chairmen to keep us posted on the funds raised by these groups.

"We regret to report that most Grand Lodges are still in the process of organizing these special gifts committees, and that none have reported any collection of funds."

He noted that several Grand Lodges are making "an honest effort to meet their quota."